

What is a Ticket to Work?

The Ticket is part of a national Social Security Administration (SSA) program called “Ticket to Work.”

What is the purpose of “Ticket to Work?”

- It increases your choices in obtaining rehabilitation and vocational services.
- You no longer have to choose between health care coverage and work.

For More Information in Your Community, contact:

For More Information

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
1700 E. Cherry St., 2nd Floor
Seattle, WA 98122
1-866-889-8287
1-866-339-6574 (TTY)
<http://www1.dshs.wa.gov/dvr/>

MAXIMUS

1-866-968-7842
<http://www.YourTicketToWork.com>

Benefits Counseling and Planning:

Positive Solutions

King Co – 206-322-8181
Kitsap Co – 360-405-0620
<http://www.psbrc.org/>

Plan To Work

1-866-497-9443
1-877-846-0775 (TTY)

Additional Websites

- Social Security – Redbook of Work Incentives
<http://www.ssa.gov/work/ResourcesToolkit/redbook.html>
- Social Security – Work Site
<http://www.ssa.gov/work/>
- Work Support.com – information & resources
<http://www.WorkSupport.com>
- Pass Plan & Work Incentives
<http://www.passplan.org>
- Washington Protection and Advocacy System
<http://www.wpas-rights.org>
- Healthcare for Workers with Disabilities
<http://fortress.wa.gov/dshs/maa/Eligibility/HWD.htm>



Guide to Ticket to Work



**A Social Security
Work Incentive Program**



Who is eligible for “Ticket to Work”?

A Ticket information packet will be mailed by MAXIMUS for SSA to eligible beneficiaries between the ages of 18-64 who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and/or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI). Ticket packets start being mailed in November 2003.

Will using my Ticket affect my Social Security check?

Yes. The amount of your earnings may affect the amount of your check and whether you continue to receive one. The Ticket program is designed to encourage steady progress toward becoming financially independent of SSA benefits such as SSI and SSDI, if possible. It is important to discuss the effect of work on your check with someone familiar with the rules.

If I use the Ticket, will it affect my medical benefits?

Using your Ticket does not result in the loss of medical coverage.

- The Ticket legislation extends Medicare coverage to 8 1/2 years for those earning enough to no longer receive an SSDI check from SSA.
- If you remain eligible for SSI, you will automatically remain eligible for Medicaid.
- If you meet program requirements, you may purchase Medicaid coverage through the Healthcare for Workers with Disabilities* (HWD) program. For HWD information, call the toll free number at 1-866-272-7630 (voice or TTY).

What are the advantages of using my Ticket to Work?

- If you lose your job due to your disability, you can quickly get back on your SSA benefits. This is true even if you do not use the Ticket.
- Your Continuing Disability Medical Reviews are stopped while you work successfully to reach the goals of your plan for work.
- You can choose which employment service providers you want to work with to design and complete your individual plan for employment.

Do I have to use my Ticket?

No. The Ticket program is voluntary. There is no penalty for using or not using your Ticket.

Where can I use my Ticket?

The Ticket program gives you the option of using employment service providers called Employment Networks (ENs). Under the Ticket program, the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) and the Department of Services for the Blind (DSB) are ENs. DVR and DSB will provide services to people whether or not they choose to use their Ticket. There are also other ENs, which may be able to support your employment goals. It is important to discuss with an EN whether they can meet your individual need. ENs other than DVR and DSB can choose whom they will serve. For a list of ENs and their services, call MAXIMUS.

Who is MAXIMUS?

MAXIMUS is implementing the Ticket program for the SSA.

How do I use my Ticket?

- Call MAXIMUS for a list of ENs in your area.
- Consult a free Benefits Specialist to discuss using your Ticket and the many incentives that allow you to work and keep your medical benefits.
- Meet with VR and/or EN representatives to discuss employment goals and services.
- Choose VR and/or an EN.
- Assign your Ticket to VR and/or an EN.

*HWD is a work incentive Medicaid program that allows a person with disabilities who is working to purchase healthcare coverage for a monthly premium on a sliding income scale.

